GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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UPGRADATION OF RAIPUR AIRPORT
CHARAN DAS MAHANT

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to provide the facility of International Airport at Raipur, the capital of newly constituted State, Chhatisgarh;

(b) if so, the time by which these facilities are likely to be provided; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a),(b) and (c):- Airports Atuhority of India (AAI) hasconstructed a new Terminal building with modern facilities in the year 1998 at a cost of Rs.8.55 crores to cater for 300 passengers at a time. At present the runway length is 6400 feet and AAIhas requested the State Government of Chattishgarh for acquisition of 48 acres of land for extension of runway to 7500 feet to make it suitable for operation of A-320 class of aircraft. Declaration of an airport as international airport will depend upon traffic potential and demand from airlines for operation of international flights.